

EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATE



June 19, 2013

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is accepting attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. To date, more than **\$62 million** in incentive payments have been made to eligible health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption and Meaningful Use of certified EHR technology.

Post-payment Audits for Program Year 2012

The Department recently contracted with Myers and Stauffer LC (<u>www.mslc.com</u>) to conduct reviews of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments made to Eligible Hospitals (EH) and Eligible Professionals (EP). EHs and EPs chosen for a post-payment audit will be contacted directly by Myers and Stauffer in writing and will be supplied with a list of requirement documentation.

For more information, see the Post-payment Audit tip sheet on our website for both <u>Eligible Professionals</u> and <u>Eligible Profession</u>

Reminder! Required Document – Invoice for Your Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT)

Please remember to upload a copy of the invoice for your CEHRT as required for an Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) or Meaningful Use (MU) attestation. EPs and EHs must attest each year that they are using a CEHRT and must provide an invoice along with a license agreement as documentation.

If you do not have a copy of the invoice, contact your vendor. Failure to upload an invoice with either your AIU or MU attestation will cause delays in the review process and ultimately in your incentive payment.

Payment Adjustment Deadlines

All EPs for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, even if they are attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, may be subject to Medicare payment adjustments on January 1, 2015, if they have not yet demonstrated MU. These payment adjustments will only be applied to the Medicare physician fee schedule amount for covered professional services furnished by the EP in 2015. EPs that do not demonstrate MU in subsequent years will be subject to increased payment adjustments in 2016 and beyond.

It is important to note that EPs who can only participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and do not bill Medicare are not subject to these payment adjustments.



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If you do bill Medicare and you are participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please pay attention to these important dates:

- **EPs that begin participation in 2013** EPs who first demonstrate Meaningful Use (not AIU) in 2013 must demonstrate MU for a 90-day reporting period in 2013 to avoid payment adjustments in 2015.
- EPs that plan to begin participation in 2014 EPs who first demonstrate Meaningful Use (not AIU) in 2014 must demonstrate MU for a 90-day reporting period in 2014 to avoid payment adjustments in 2015. This reporting period must occur in the first nine months (Jan 1 Sept 30) of calendar year 2014 and EPs must attest to MU no later than October 1, 2014, to avoid the payment adjustments.

For more information, you can view the CMS <u>Payment Adjustment and Hardship Exceptions Tipsheet.</u> And to determine if you are eligible for the Medicare program but attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, you can use the <u>Eligibility Widget</u>.

Free Meaningful Use Boot Camp on June 27, 2013

Are you interested in learning more about Meaningful Use? Do you want to find out if you are eligible for EHR Incentive Funds? Would you like an update on the Health Information Exchange?

CORHIO will be hosting a half-day Meaningful Use Boot Camp on Thursday, June 27, 2013, from 11:30am to 5:00pm in Westminster. The event topics include Meaningful Use Stage 1, preview of Stage 2, attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, and a workshop on meeting HIPAA Security and Risk analysis objective required for Meaningful Use Stage 1.

This free event will be held at the DoubleTree Westminster at 8773 Yates Drive, Westminster 80031. To register for this event, visit http://bit.ly/124Argl. For additional information, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or visit CORHIO's website.

Free Recorded Webinar – Attesting to Meaningful Use in Program Year 2013

In anticipation of the opening of program year 2013, there is a <u>recorded webinar</u> available for you to watch at your convenience. In the webinar, you'll learn:

- The new 2013 changes to Stage 1 Meaningful Use and Medicaid eligibility
- New documentation required for attesting to Stage 1 Meaningful Use
- An in-depth look at each of the five steps of Attestation



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The recording of the webinar can be found at http://bcove.me/cxb9yy1t. You can also find the presentation at www.corhio.org on the Meaningful Use page.

In addition to this webinar, other recorded webinars can be found at www.corhio.org on the Recorded Events page.

Updated Anticipated Timeline - Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/Expected Date
CMS registration opened for Colorado participants	Now Open!
CO R&A System live & Medicaid AIU attestation begins	Now Open!
First incentive payments issued to EPs and EHs who successfully attested to Medicaid AIU of Certified EHRs	Paid!
CO R&A System begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare Meaningful Use attestations	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Meaningful Use for FFY 2013	Now Open!
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use for calendar year 2013	Now Open!

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will be the central point of contact for EPs, EHs, partners and other interested parties on requirements, processes and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator, Tracy McDonald, can be reached at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.

Xerox (formerly Affiliated Computer Services) has been contracted by the Department to manage the Provider Outreach Page and to provide the Colorado R&A System, including the web portal through which eligible providers can register and attest to receive the EHR incentive payments.